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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED ACTIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 08/205,527 filed March 3, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 6,274,950 B1, issued August 14, 2001.

In the abstract:

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A UPS system for providing backup power to a load includes: a power input; multiple batteries; multiple battery housings, each containing one of the batteries, the batteries being coupled in parallel; multiple battery-monitor processors, each monitor being disposed in a respective one of the battery housings and coupled to the corresponding battery; a UPS processor coupled, and configured, to receive monitor data from the plurality of battery-monitor processors; a UPS-processor housing containing the UPS processor and being displaced from the battery housings; and a power output coupled and configured to selectively provide power from one of the power input and the batteries.